

Good morning, Chairperson and members of the Committee. I'm Brad Schaffer, Director of Driver and Vehicle Services for the North Dakota Department of Transportation. I'm here to support House Bill 1093.

House Bill 1093 updates the duration for which a commercial driver's license can be issued to employees of agrichemical businesses, custom harvesters, farm retail outlets and suppliers. Under current North Dakota law, the license is valid for up to 180 days or two 90-day periods within a 12-month period.

However, an update to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 383.3 on September 29, 2022, allows for a duration of 210 days or two 105-day periods within a calendar year. This change ensures that drivers who use their two 90-day periods later in the year remain eligible for a license in the following spring, while also extending the total eligibility period by 30 days.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.